(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of reply to part (b) above.

Proposals from Uttar Pradesh Government for backward students

561. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals to accord sanction to run the schemes for scholarship to students of Post Matric Classes, construction of Hostels at District Headquarters for backward students and Book Bank for backward students in Medical, Engineering and MBA has been received from U.P. Government;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) if the proposals have not been accepted, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of U.P. was informed that the schemes of Post Matric scholarship of OBC students and construction of Hostels of OBC boys and girls are under consideration. The Government of U.P. will be informed suitably as and when the schemes will be finalised. As regards, the scheme of Book Bank for OBC students, no such scheme has been envisaged in the Ninth Five Year Plan and hence the State Government has been informed to take up the scheme on their own.

Assistance to NGOs functioning in Nagpur Division

562. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided assistance to NGOs functioning in Nagpur Division of Maharashtra for establishment and development of special schools for handicapped children including mentally retarded children;

(b) if so, the details thereof, school-wise;

(c) whether Government have evaluated the functioning of these schools; and

(d) if so, the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No, Madam.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Central Aid for tribals in Madhya Pradesh

563. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh have sought any Central aid for dealing with the special problems of the tribals in the State this year;

(b) if so, details of the specific problems and the central aid sought; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Two proposals have been received this year from Government of Madhya Pradesh for Central aid for grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution. The details of the proposals are as under :—

(i) To provide appropriate funds from grants under Article 275(1) of the Construction for setting up of a University in District Raigarh for educational facilities to tribal students.

(ii) To provide Rs. 123.92 lakhs for implementation of project proposal for providing drinking water to tribals under Tribal Sub-Plan Area of District Sivni, Madhya Pradesh from grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution.

(c) Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution is released to the States as block grant to be used for certain approved purposes. The Ministry does not release grants under this provision for specific schemes.